

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Method for installing machine ~~units~~ ~~such as machine~~ foundations (1) and/or rolling stands (2) in ~~a plant~~ ~~such an~~ existing production line of a hot rolling mill and/or for putting them into service in such plants,

-- where the machine foundation (1) is prefabricated, and ~~the~~ required or interacting machine units are prefabricated and preassembled or assembled on site next to the production line (3), whereupon these machine units are inserted into the production line (3) as a complete modular unit, including the foundation block (1), wherein all the associated drive elements, control elements, fastening elements, ~~or the like,~~ as well as pipes, cables, and other pieces of equipment necessary for operation are installed or assembled on the machine/foundation block before insertion into the production line (3).

2. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the preassembled installation is subjected to a

preliminary test run on site before it is inserted into the production line (3).

3. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the foundation block (1) with the completely assembled and operationally ready machine unit/rolling stands (2) is moved into place along at least two displacement tracks (5).

4. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 3, wherein the displacement is carried out in steps alternating between a the left displacement axis and a the right displacement axis.

5. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 3 [[1]], wherein the foundation block (1) to be displaced is raised; ~~in that~~ slideways are inserted between the foundation block (1) and the displacement tracks (5); and ~~in that~~ the foundation block (1) is displaced and then lowered after reaching its final position.

6. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 5, wherein pairs of intercommunicating double presses are used to raise and lower the foundation block (1).

7. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 6, wherein the presses for raising the foundation block (1) are supported on lifting points / lifting surfaces (9, 10, 11) embedded in the displacement tracks (5).

8. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 6, wherein the presses for lowering the foundation block (1) in the final position are supported on lifting points / lifting surfaces embedded in the displacement tracks (5).

9. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 5, wherein the foundation block (1) is horizontally aligned in the final position on the basis of reference marks on the rolling stand axes.

10. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 5, wherein the foundation block (1) is vertically aligned in the final position on the basis of reference marks.

11. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 5, wherein the foundation block (1) is finely adjusted around its transverse axis.

12. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the foundations of a ~~the~~ roll-changing area are at least partially constructed and installed as prefabricated reinforced concrete structures.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the machine foundations are partially or completely constructed as prefabricated reinforced concrete structural elements in the assembly area of the foundation block (1) to be displaced, so that they can later be used as a base for new machine foundations.